

Department of Taxation

The department obtained legislative support for various bills that promote efficient tax administration. These include bills that :

- Bring Hawai'i's income tax law into conformance with the Internal Revenue Code (SB2983);
- Change Hawai'i's income tax withholding remittance dates to more closely conform with federal remittance dates (HB2511); and
- Clarify imposition of the use tax on tangible personal property brought into the state for sale (SB2994).

The department was also able to gain support from the legislator on measures relating to renewable energy technology systems (SB3162) and a tax credit for the construction of ethanol facilities (SB3207).

Other approved bills that impact tax administration include ones that:

- Extend and modify certain high technology tax incentives and provides the department with greater authority to ensure compliance with tax laws (HB2396); and
- Allow a taxpayer's first appeal of a tax assessment to either the Board of Review or the Tax Appeal Court to be made without payment of the tax (HB851).

- Kurt Kawafuchi, Director